

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Although the present invention has ~~bee~~ been explained, illustrating a saw blade, it can be applied to a saw, a core drill, a cutter, a wire saw, a polishing cup, a profiler, an end mill, a straight wheel, an ID wheel, a rotary dresser, and an edge grinding wheel. For example, Fig. 21 shows a bead 400 of a wire saw according to the invention. In a wire saw, a plurality of beads 400 is inserted into a wire (not shown) through a through-hole 415 and a workpiece is cut by means of a linear motion of the wire. In order to apply the invention to the bead of a wire saw, as shown in Fig. 21 (a), a concave portion 420 of a groove type is formed in the outer surface of a shank 410 in a circumferential direction or an inclined direction like a screw pitch. Then, an abrasive 440 is bonded through a bonding material 430 using the methods illustrated in Figs. 7 and 8, to thereby form multiple abrasive layers. Fig. 21 (b) is a perspective view of the bead of a wire saw finished according to the invention, but which cannot be distinguished, in appearance, from conventional ones.